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Change of Residence

1. To move within a city, residents must have the approval of the Adresna Sluzhba (Municipal Housing Commission), a subdivision of the police administration. The Adresen Bilet (request to move) must be filed in triplicate or quadruplicate with the police who return one copy to the applicant.
2. To move from one town to another, approval must be given by the municipality of the town in which the applicant wishes to settle; permission is granted only where the transfer is necessary for employment reasons. Permission for moves from one small town to another are not difficult to obtain, but a move from a small town to Sofia is almost impossible.
3. Persons wishing to stay with friends for periods up to six months, do not have to apply for a permit.

Documentation

4. The following identity papers must be carried:
  - a. At home: Adresen Bilet, a certificate stating holder's address; and
  - b. Outside: Lichna Karta, an identity card of green cardboard folded in three and including a photograph and description of the bearer as well as his address and family data.

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5. Work permits, required for entry into places of employment, have the following characteristics:
  - a. Constructed of cardboard of various colors, folded in two;
  - b. The upper part of the cover bears the name of the enterprise with the work propusk (permit) below;
  - c. On the left inside page is a photograph of the bearer as well as his full name; and
  - d. The right inside page is completely lined and includes the date the permit was issued and a stamped signature of the manager of the enterprise.
6. In addition to work permits, workers must carry a card certifying membership in their trade union. The membership card consists of four to six pages, has a red cardboard cover, and measures approximately 6 x 10 centimeters.
7. On trains, only tickets and not identity documents are checked. A limited number of suitcases may be taken into the compartment, but heavy luggage must be put into the baggage car. Seats for train transportation may be reserved at a special municipal office. Passengers are allowed to spend the night in waiting rooms of major stations.

#### Wages and Prices

8. The average 8-hour pay of a worker is between 300 and 400 leva, with bonuses for exceeding norms, as well as a 300 leva bonus from the government for each child.
9. Clerks earn between 9,000 and 15,000 leva a month, and factory managers approximately 20,000 leva. In general, two members of a family must work in order to maintain a minimum living standard.
10. Some prevailing food prices are:
  - a. Black bread, 800-gram loaf, rationed, 30 leva;
  - b. White bread, one-kilogram loaf, not rationed, 120 leva;
  - c. Sugar, one kilogram, not rationed, 240 leva;
  - d. Meat; one kilogram, rationed, 200 to 300 leva; one kilogram, not rationed, 300 to 350 leva; the meat ration for a worker and his family consists of 300 grams per person per week; there is no ration for persons who do not work;
  - e. Oil; one kilogram, rationed, 200 leva; the allowance is 400 grams per month; and
  - f. Oil; one kilogram, not rationed, 600 to 700 leva.
11. Other representative prices are:
  - a. Rent for single room with use of kitchen, 600 to 1,000 leva per month;
  - b. Electricity for domestic use, including cooking for a family in a single room, approximately 500 leva per month;
  - c. Man's suit, 10,000 to 20,000 leva;
  - d. Railroad ticket; third class, from Sofia to Varna, 1,100 leva; and
  - e. Sofia streetcar; five to 10 leva, according to distance traveled.

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Miscellaneous

12. There is no unemployment; only a small number of people who either have money in the bank or relatives in one of the villages do not work.
13. The number of private workshops is decreasing, especially in the larger towns.
14. Workers may leave their place of employment upon giving two-weeks' notice.
15. The draft age is 20, and service is either two years in the Army or three years in the Navy.

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